

**AN ORDINANCE BY  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2006 (INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANT FUND) BUDGET, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ("DEPARTMENT"), BY ADDING TO ANTICIPATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS, IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$550,000.00), FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ARTHUR M. BLANK FAMILY FOUNDATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING IMPROVEMENTS AT THE VINE CITY PARK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Department was awarded a grant from the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation in the amount of five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000.00) for the purpose of making restorations and improvements at the Vine City Park ("Park"); and

**WHEREAS**, the grant funds will be distributed to the Department in two installments in the amount of \$275,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 19, 2006, the Department received the first installment of the grant, in the amount of two hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$275,000.00) (See attached Exhibit "A"); and

**WHEREAS**, the second grant disbursement in the same amount is scheduled for disbursement in June 2007 (See attached Exhibit "A"), contingent on the City's ability to engage the Vine City Civic Association and other interested community residents in the planning and development of the Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant funds will be used to make the following Park restorations and improvements, including, but not limited to: (1) installation of ornamental pedestrian lighting throughout the Park; (2) development of internal walkways, the plaza and amphitheater; (3) installation of ornamental fencing and interpretative language; and (4) creation of three garden rooms and additional landscaping throughout the Park.

**WHEREAS**, the Department wishes to accept the grant funds in order to implement the aforesaid Park restorations and improvements.

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS, as follows:**

**Section 1:** That the 2006 (Intergovernmental Grant Fund) Budget for the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs is hereby amended as follows:

**ADD TO ANTICIPATIONS**

1B02	Inter Governmental Grant Fund
633101	Local/Grants/Entitlements
J53X0210SJA0	Grant Reimb., Refunds, & Other Receipts

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$550,000.00</b>
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**ADD TO APPROPRIATIONS**

1B02	Inter Governmental Grant Fund
729002	Service Grants
N12D11F7SJA0	Vine City Park/Arthur M. Blank Foundation

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$550,000.00</b>
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**Section 2:** That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are waived to the extent of the conflict.

**Part II: Legislative White Paper:** (This portion of the Legislative Request Form will be shared with City Council members and staff)

**A. To be completed by Legislative Counsel:**

**Committee of Purview:** Community Development and Human Resources

**Caption:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2006 (INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANT FUND) BUDGET, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ("DEPARTMENT"), BY ADDING TO ANTICIPATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS, IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$550,000.00), FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ARTHUR M. BLANK FAMILY FOUNDATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING IMPROVEMENTS AT THE VINE CITY PARK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Council Meeting Date:** March 5, 2007

**Requesting Dept.:** Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

**B. To be completed by the department :**

**1. Please provide a summary of the purpose of this legislation (Justification Statement).**

The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the Mayor to accept, anticipate and appropriate a grant award in the amount of \$550,000.00 from The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation for park improvements at Vine City Park. These improvements include:

- 1) Installation of ornamental pedestrian lighting throughout the park;
- 2) Development of internal walkways, the plaza and amphitheatre;
- 3) Installation of ornamental fencing and interpretive signage; and
- 4) Creation of three garden rooms and additional landscaping throughout the park.

**2. Please provide background information regarding this legislation.**

The Vine City neighborhood is one of Atlanta's oldest neighborhoods and it is developing in the midst of on-going development in the downtown district just west of the neighborhood. In 2005 , a Conceptual Master Plan was developed by Park Pride, Inc. with great deal of community input and feed back for improvements to Vine City Park. The proposed improvements are in accordance with the plan and would greatly enhance the quality of life for the surrounding community.

**3. If Applicable/Known:**

- (a) **Contract Type (e.g. Professional Services, Construction Agreement, etc):**
- (b) **Source Selection:**
- (c) **Bids/Proposals Due:**
- (d) **Invitations Issued:**
- (e) **Number of Bids:**
- (f) **Proposals Received:**
- (g) **Bidders/Proponents:**
- (h) **Term of Contract:**

**4. Fund Account Center:** Anticipation 1B02 ( Intergovernmental /Special revenue ) 633101 ( Local / Grants / Entitlements J53X0210SJA0 ( Grant Reimb.,Refunds, & Other Receipts)

Appropriation 1B02 ( Intergovernmental /Special revenue ) 729002( Service Grants)

N12D11F7SJA0 ( Vine City Park / Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation)

**5. Source of Funds:** Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation

**6. Fiscal Impact:** This legislation will result in an increase in the amount of \$550,000.00 to add to Anticipation Fund 1B02 ( Intergovernmental /Special revenue ) 633101 ( Local / Grants / Entitlements J53X0210SJA0 ( Grant Reimb.,Refunds, & Other Receipts)

Appropriation 1B02 ( Intergovernmental /Special revenue ) 729002 ( Service Grants)

N12D11F7SJA0 ( Vine City Park / Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation)

**7. Method of Cost Recovery:** NA

**This Legislative Request Form Was Prepared By:** Sushma K. Dersch, Office of Park Design and Debra F. Harris-Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs



THE ARTHUR M. BLANK FAMILY FOUNDATION

PENELOPE MCPHEE  
PRESIDENT

December 12, 2006

Commissioner Dianne Harnell Cohen  
City of Atlanta, Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs  
City Hall East - Suite 800  
678 Ponce De Leon Avenue, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30308

Dear Commissioner Cohen:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, I am pleased to inform you that a \$550,000 grant has been approved for City of Atlanta, Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. The grant is to be used to support the following improvements at Vine City Park:

1. Installation of ornamental pedestrian lighting throughout the park;
2. Development of internal walkways, the plaza and amphitheatre;
3. Installation of ornamental fencing and interpretive signage; and
4. Creation of three garden rooms and additional landscaping throughout the park.

This grant will be paid in installments as listed below once all contingencies are met. The second payment of this grant will be contingent on the city's ability to engage the Vine City Civic Association and other interested community residents in the planning and development of the site.

**Payments:**

December 2006	\$275,000	
June 2007	\$275,000	Contingent

Please sign and return the enclosed grant acknowledgment of conditions by **December 15, 2006**. This grant may be paid in stock or cash. If it's going to be paid in stock, we will send you a stock sales request that gives our brokerage firm, Mellon, permission to sell stock on your behalf. Please complete and return this letter, if applicable, with this acknowledgement of conditions and Mellon will send you a check for the grant amount.

We request that you submit progress reports on the project and use of the funds by May 15, 2007. We also request that you submit a final project report by June 29, 2008. Future funding will be contingent on answering the questions contained on the enclosed report form. Please submit your reports to Kristi Day, Grants Manager, who also can answer questions you may have about content.

Before you take steps to publicize this grant, please contact Brian Farley, Vice President of Communications, at (404) 367-2070 or [bfarley@ambfo.com](mailto:bfarley@ambfo.com).

Sincerely,

PMC:ksd

**THE ARTHUR M. BLANK FAMILY FOUNDATION  
GRANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONDITIONS**

City of Atlanta, Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs hereby acknowledges the conditions of The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation grant in the amount of \$550,000 approved on November 21, 2006.

Our organization's acceptance of this grant, as evidenced by our authorized signature in the space provided below, signifies that our tax-exempt status as a recognized Section 501(c)(3) and/or Section 509(a) organization is current, that we will keep our tax-exempt status current throughout the period of this grant and that we will comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations that govern the use of grants from private foundations to our organization. Furthermore, by signing below, we state that our organization does not fall under Type III of section 509(a)(3) of the IRS code. (If your organization is classified as Type III under section 509(a)(3), the Blank will need further documentation demonstrating that you are a "functionally integrated" supporting organization.) We also agree to use the grant funds for the purposes approved by the Foundation described below and understand that any alternative use of grant funds must be authorized in advance in writing by the Blank Foundation.

**Purpose of grant:** To support the following improvements at Vine City Park:

1. Installation of ornamental pedestrian lighting throughout the park;
2. Development of internal walkways, the plaza and amphitheatre;
3. Installation of ornamental fencing and interpretive signage; and
4. Creation of three garden rooms and additional landscaping throughout the park.

**Payments:**

December 2006	\$275,000.00	
June 2007	\$275,000.00	Contingent

**Anticipated Outcomes:** It is Blank Foundation's understanding that the following description accurately represents your organization's expectations for the outcomes of the funded project. It also is the Blank Foundation's understanding that your organization agrees that the results described below are appropriate and achievable and represent the terms against which your organization will judge the success of the project.

1. Enhance access into the park by removing existing barriers and installing sidewalks and a pedestrian walkway through the park;
2. Increase the safety of the park by installing ornamental fencing to designate park boundaries, and by installing pedestrian lighting to make the park more visible;
3. Increase residential appeal of the park by placing more desirable amenities in the park, including a pavilion, plaza and amphitheater;
4. Provide new natural areas for community gathering and individual meditation through the creation of garden rooms and new landscaping; and
5. Ultimately, increase numbers of people using the park.

**Acknowledgment for City of Atlanta, Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs**  
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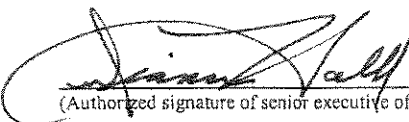
**Conditions:** 1. Signing and returning this acknowledgment form will release the first payment in December 2006.

2. An interim progress report will be due by May 15, 2007. The second payment will be contingent on the city's ability to engage the Vice City Civic Association and other interested community residents in the implementation of improvements as outlined in the Vice City Conceptual Master Plan.

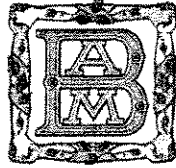
3. A final project report by June 29, 2008.

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Name/Title: DIANNE HARNELL COHEN  
(Type or print name and title of person signing the acknowledgment)

Signed:  Date: 12/13/06  
(Authorized signature of senior executive officer)

Please sign and return this document to The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation (3223 Howell Mill Road, Atlanta, GA 30327) as soon as possible but not later than December 15, 2006.



THE ARTHUR M. BLANK FAMILY FOUNDATION

December 19, 2006

Commissioner Dianne Harnell Cohen  
City of Atlanta, Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs  
City Hall East - Suite 800  
678 Ponce De Leon Avenue, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30308

Dear Dianne:

We have received your signed acknowledgment of conditions form and are pleased to make the first payment to the City of Atlanta, Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs for the \$550,000 grant approved on November 21, 2006. In accordance with the grant agreement, enclosed is a check for \$275,000 to support park improvements and restoration at Vine City Park. Please acknowledge receipt of this check by returning a grant receipt for our files.

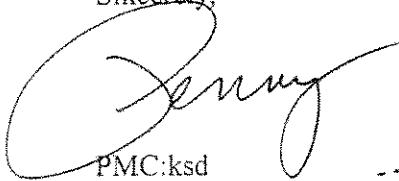
We request that you submit your progress report(s) and/or final report using the following schedule. Future funding will be contingent on answering the questions contained on the report form(s).

**Reporting Schedule**

May 15, 2007	Progress Report
June 29, 2008	Final Report

Should you decide to publicize the grant, please contact Brian Farley, Vice President of Communications, at (404) 367-2070.

Sincerely,



PMC:ksd

Enclosures

*Best wishes for  
the New Year.*



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Atlanta, GA 30327

SunTrust Bank  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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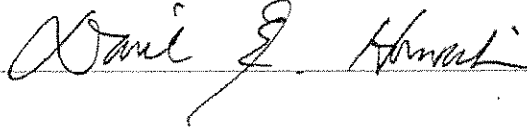
DATE  
December 18, 2006

AMOUNT  
\$275,000.00

Two Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars and 00 Cents

PAY TO THE ORDER OF

City of Atlanta Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs



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Arthur M. Blank Foundation  
To: City of Atlanta Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (CITY ATL PARKS)

Check Number: 002988  
Date: December 18, 2006

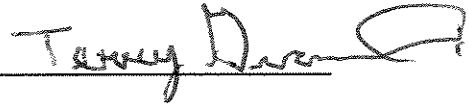
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VINE CITY	12/18/2006	Vine City	\$275,000.00	\$ .00	\$275,000.
TOTALS:			\$275,000.00	\$ .00	\$275,000.

TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

TO: MAYOR'S OFFICE

ATTN: GREG PRIDGEON

Legislative Counsel (Signature): Terry Grandison



Contact Number: ext. 6946

Originating Department: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

Committee(s) of Purview: Community Development and Human Resources

Council Deadline: January 22, 2007

Committee Meeting Date(s): February 14 & 28, 2007

Council Date: March 5, 2007

Commissioner Signature 

CAPTION

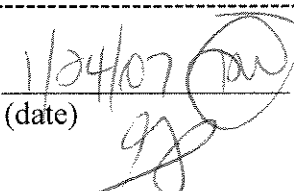
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FINANCIAL IMPACT (if any): Grant award in the amount of \$555,000.00 to be made in two \$275,00.00 installments.

Mayor's Staff Only

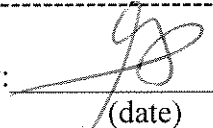
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